



City of Redmond Planning Commission October 5, 2005 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Kim Allen, Charlie McCarthy, Korby Parnell, Susan Petitpas, Suzanne Querry and Martin Snodgrass

Planning Commissioner not in Attendance:

Tom Hinman

Staff in Attendance:

Lori Peckol, Cathy Beam, Roger Dane, Keith MacDonald, Gary Lee, Deborah Farris, Jim Roberts, Redmond Planning Department

Business Conducted:

Chair Martin Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The agenda and September 28, 2005 meeting summary were approved. The Commissioners excused Commissioner Hinman. There were no items from the audience.

Chair Snodgrass opened the study session on a City proposed update to the stream classification map to reflect the Critical Area Ordinance and to identify riparian habitats of local importance. Cathy Beam provided copies of a public hearing notice mailed to citizens who owned property adjacent to stream sections for which there was a proposed change to increase or decrease the classification. She also distributed copies of comments from Bob Yoder and Helen LaCourse. Ms. Beam together with Roger Dane and Keith MacDonald provided an overview of the proposed update, including proposed definitions related to habitats of local importance and proposed stream map updates.

The Commissioners discussed and asked questions about the proposed update, and gave preliminary endorsement to the proposed definitions with one refinement to add the word "native" in front of "fish" in the definition of riparian habitats of local importance. Ms. Beam reviewed the proposed schedule for Commission review of the update, and the Commission agreed to the goal of completing its recommendation to City Council at the October 19 meeting, pending public testimony.

Chair Snodgrass next opened the study session on the 2005 Downtown Redmond Development Guide Amendment. Commissioner McCarthy led the Commission in the discussion of several issues. The Commission provided preliminary endorsement of the staff recommendations for Comprehensive Plan Related Update Issue 4 (standards for Perrigo's Plat sub-area of East Hill), and issues related to Other Updates, including Issue 1 (continue to allow single-story retail on certain remaining vacant parcels that are being rezoned) and Issue 4 (drive-thru uses). The Commissioners deferred direction on Issue 9 (Ground Floor Residential Uses) until all Commissioners are in attendance. The Commissioners agreed to identify and submit to Gary Lee any additional discussion issues by October 17 so they can be compiled for the October 19 meeting.

Chair Snodgrass then opened the study session on permanent amendments to the Portable Sign Code. Deborah Farris reviewed the background for the proposed amendment, staff's recommendation, and the other alternatives that were considered. The Commissioners discussed and asked questions about the update, including several questions for which they would like input from Jim Haney, City Attorney. At the end of the study session, the Commissioners agreed to email any additional questions to Jim Roberts prior to the next meeting.

Lori Peckol reviewed the Commission's extended calendar. There were no reports.

Chair Snodgrass adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.